

A C E L D A M A

"What king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace."

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Game 1967:AT, Arma-7:

RUSO-TURKISH BATTLE FOR STRAITS  
Spring exercises Elsewhere.

1907 Spring moves:

Russia (Winney): Fleet North Sea to Norwegian Sea. Fleet Clyde to North Atlantic Ocean. Army Edinburgh support ENGLISH army Liverpool. Army London to Yorkshire. Army Sweden support GERMAN fleet Denmark. Army St. Petersburg to Norway. Army Moscow to Ukraine. Army Warsaw to Galicia. Army Sevastopol to Armenia. Army Budapest to Serbia. Army Trieste support army Budapest to Serbia. Fleet Constantinople to Bulgaria (south coast). Army Rumania support Fleet Constantinople to Bulgaria (south coast). Fleet Ankara to Black Sea.

Germany (Hans): Army Munich to Tyrolia. Army Ruhr to Kiel. Army Holland support army Belgium. Army Belgium support army Holland. Army Burgundy to Marseilles. Army Gascony support army Burgundy to Marseilles. Army Marseilles to Piedmont. Fleet Denmark stand. Army Brest stand.

France (Greene): Army Spain stand. Fleet Western Mediterranean support army Spain. Army Venice support AUSTRIAN army Rome to Tuscany. Fleet Naples to Ionian Sea.

Turkey (Reinsel): Army Bulgaria to Constantinople. Fleet Black Sea support army Bulgaria to Constantinople. Fleet Smyrna support army Bulgaria to Constantinople.

England (Tzudiker): No move received. Army Liverpool stands.

Austria (Moning): Army Rome to Tuscany.

Underlined moves do not succeed. There are no retreats. Deadline for moves for Fall is set for Wednesday, 15 January 1969.

Press releases on the following page.

Washington. The following telegram from Moscow to Berlin was intercepted by the wireless station at Stoke-on-Trent and promptly forwarded to Washington. "How about a joint venture into the New World? Why should Europe have a monopoly of our inspired leadership?"

Madrid. Louis XX in his own name, in the name of the Emperor Franz-Josef, and the people of Spain and Portugal, hereby declares Edward VII of the House of Windsor, as King of Spain and Portugal. It is hoped that the English treasure in Delhi, and the Commonwealth, will join hands with the Italo-Austro-French Empire, and their lands across the seas, in re-building a new Europe.

Rome. With the marriage of Princess Pauline and Prince Joseph, the new alliance of Bourbon and Hapsburg begins. The House of Windsor in Iberia will be a vassal in name to the Dual Monarchs in Rome.

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Game 1967:NY, Arms-8:

#### CHRISTMAS TRUCE CONTINUES

1905 Fall builds:

England (Marris): No build received.

Germany (Schow): No build received.

Turkey (Walker): Build army Constantinople.

As previously announced, deadline for moves for Spring 1906 is Tuesday, 7th of January 1906.

#### Press Releases

Byzantium, 25 December 1905. With annual Yule Orgy well under way, the capital of the Byzantine Empire is ablaze with light and gaiety. Everywhere effigies of Lawrence Pasha, Lorenzo the Yellow, Infant Prince James, and the Kaisarin, are being burned. Everywhere, ecstatic crowds, high on Rordshabiazin (as usual), are doing what the simple folk do. Ah, l'amour! Her Holiness the Pope, also as usual, is leading Her people in the riotous celebration of the Yuleseason, exhorting all the eligible virgins in the city to "find the true meaning of Christmas". Even the most recalcitrant young lady is finally carried off by crowds of anxious young men. Earlier today, Her Holiness was reproached by a visiting American prelate for "the immoralconduct" of her people. "Immoral, indeed!" snapped Joan II. "They're heterosexual, every one of them." Her Holiness then rebuked Cardinal Cushing by having him fed to the dogs.

Byzantium, 26 January 1906. Finally recovered from the Yule Orgy, Her Holiness today received the Russian ambassador, Count Ivan Skavinsky Skovar, who wished to complain about the Byzantine hijacking of Rumania last year. "Oh, that!" exclaimed the Light of the Western World. "Well, we needed it, you know. Besides, what good was that fleet of yours? Oh, please do be understanding, dear Count Ivan." Later the ambassador departed, staggering somewhat, from the Imperial Audience Chamber, which doubles as Her Holiness' Boudoir. He was smiling crookedly and humming to himself. Ah, what a way to conduct Diplomacy!

Rantoul, 11 December 1968. What a way, indeed! The only trouble is, Turkey is doomed and we all know it. Lucretia's wiles are apparently lost on Infant Prince James, as they were in 1966AA (on which be peace!) At any rate, what's so jolly much fun about a game where the result is so damned pre-planned? In a way, I don't blame Peery for bugging out. On the other hand, hope springs eternal! Spring, spring, spring. Move, move, move, Die, die, die. Whee, whee, whee. Damn!!!

Calhamer Point Count Rating List (59).

|        |                   |        |                |
|--------|-------------------|--------|----------------|
| 4.3333 | John Smythe       | 0.75   | Frank Clark    |
|        |                   |        | Terry Much     |
| 4.0    | Charles Wells     |        | Banks Hebane   |
|        | Monte Zelazny     |        |                |
|        |                   | 0.5    | Rick Brooks    |
| 3.0    | James Dygert      |        | Ken Davidson   |
|        | John Moning       |        |                |
|        | Don Miller        | 0.3333 | Don Berman     |
|        | Jerry Pournelle   |        | Ken Levinson   |
|        |                   |        | Chris Wagner   |
| 2.0    | Derek Nelson      |        |                |
|        | Dud Pendergrass   | 0.2    | Doug Peyerlein |
|        |                   |        | Hugh Anderson  |
| 1.5333 | Charles Turner    |        | Sherry Heap    |
| 1.5    | James Latimer     |        |                |
|        | Harold Maus       |        |                |
| 1.3333 | Larry Peery       |        |                |
|        | John McCallum     |        |                |
|        | Charles Reinsel   |        |                |
| 1.25   | Alan Huff         |        |                |
| 1.2    | Dan Darrows       |        |                |
|        | Dave Lebling      |        |                |
|        | Eugene Prosnitz   |        |                |
|        | Mehran Thomson    |        |                |
|        | Conrad von Metzke |        |                |
| 1.0333 | Rod Walker        |        |                |
| 1.0    | John Beshara      |        |                |
|        | Tom Griffin       |        |                |
|        | Ed Halle          |        |                |
|        | Paul Leitch       |        |                |
|        | James MacKenzie   |        |                |
|        | James Munroe      |        |                |
|        | Harold Peck       |        |                |
|        | Bruce Pelz        |        |                |
|        | Buddy Tretick     |        |                |

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